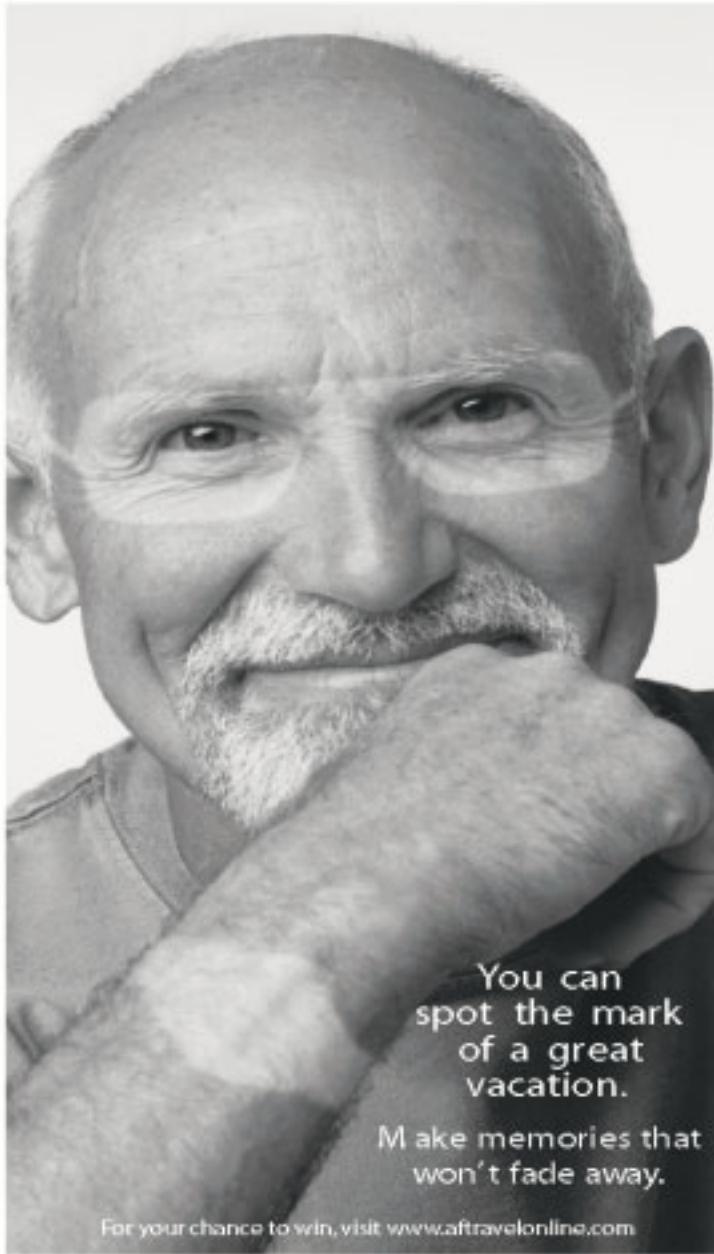




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Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche (right) and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper (center) answer questions posed to them by MSNBC News anchor Lester Holt while appearing on “Lester Holt Live” on March 17. Roche and Jumper were in New York for two days of television and radio interviews to answer questions on Air Force involvement in the pending war with Iraq. The two Air Force leaders also swore in new Air Force enlistees at Times Square and they rang the stock market’s closing bell on Wall Street.



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# President authorizes global war on terrorism medals

Executive order signed Wednesday authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

The GWOT Expeditionary Medal will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. The GWOT Service Medal will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the GWOT Expeditionary Medal. The medals were recommended by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld "in response to our nation's global efforts to suppress terrorism, and the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring to bear on the long-term resolution of this threat."

Specific eligibility for these medals will be established by the



**RIBBON:** Scarlet, white and blue represent the United States. Light blue refers to worldwide cooperation against terrorism, gold denotes excellence.

**OBVERSE:** A bronze color metal disc charged with a shield adapted from the Great Seal of the United States surmounting two swords hilts to base saltirewise enclosed within a wreath of laurel; overall an eagle, wings displayed, grasping in its claws a serpent. The shield and eagle represent the United States. The swords denote readiness and the resolve to fight international terrorism, which is symbolized by the serpent crushed in the eagle's claws. The wreath denotes honor and achievement.

**REVERSE:** The eagle, serpent and swords from the front of the medal within the encircling inscription "War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal".

ACTUAL SIZE: 1 3/8 INCHES IN DIAMETER



**RIBBON:** Scarlet, white and blue represents the United States. Gold denotes excellence.

**OBVERSE:** A bronze color metal disc charged with an eagle, wings displayed, with a stylized shield of thirteen vertical bars on its breast and holding in dexter claw an olive branch and in sinister claw three arrows, all in front of a terrestrial globe with the inscription above, WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. The eagle and shield, adapted from the Great Seal, represents the United States. They protect the globe above and behind, symbolizing American resolve to combat and overcome global elements of international terrorism. The laurel wreath represents the drive for peace. The three arrows signify vigilance, resolve, and peace.

**REVERSE:** A laurel wreath on a plain field.

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DoD award policy. The combatant commander has the authority to award the medals for approved operations to units and personnel deployed within his or her theater. Each service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing of the medals.

Members of the U.S. armed forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals to include Reserve and National Guard activated to support approved operations. Civilians, foreign nationals and foreign military are not eligible. It will take up to twelve months to produce and stock the medal in department supply systems.

Future authorization for these medals will be considered and approved by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the war on terrorism expands.

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